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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PORTUGUESE FONMIN TO THE HAGUE

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN BRIEFED BY DEPUTYDIRECTOR FOR

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN MFA ON DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DUTCH AND PORTUGUESE DELEGATIONS DURING MAY 21-23 VISIT OF FONMIN MELO ANTUNES. ANTUNES ACCOMPANIED ON VISIT BY DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MAGALHAES CRUZ; DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF IMMIGRATION, ARIAS; AND SECRETARY TO FONMIN, CASTRO MENDES. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES TALKS AS REPORTED IN DUTCH NOTES OF MEETINGS.

2. NATO--AMB MAGALHAES CRUZ SOUGHT REASSURE DUTCH THAT GOP WOULD MAINTAIN ITS OBLIGATIONS TO NATO IN FULL, POINTING TO SEVERAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY GOVT. LEADERSHIP ON SAME LINES. EVENTUAL DECISION ON CONTINUING AS MEMBER OF ALLIANCE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE UP TO PORTUGUESE PEOPLE. GOP WAS NOT HAPPY WITH DECISION HOLD NATO SUMMIT, BUT HAS ACCEPTED IT, AND WILL BE REPRESENTED BY PREMIER GONCALVES. PRESENCE OF COMMUNISTS IN PORTUGUESE CABINET SHOULD NOT BE SEEN BY NATO AS AN OBSTACLE TO PORTUGUESE MEMBERSHIP. ALL SECURITY MEASURES TO PROTECT NATO MATERIAL WILL BE ENFORCED. DURING SUMMIT, GONCALVES HAS BILATERALS WITH SCHMIDT, TRUDEAU AND THORN AS WELL AS WITH PRESIDENT FORD. MAGALHAES CRUZ ASKED FOR UNDERSTANDING FROM NATO PARTNERS THAT, AFTER 48 YEARS, PORTUGAL CANNOT CHANGE INTO DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY OVERNIGHT.

3. SPAIN AND NATO--PORTUGUESE ARE OPPOSED TO ANY MENTION OF SPAIN IN NATO CONTEXT. WHILE PORTUGAL MAINTAINS CORRECT AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH SPAIN, AND FULLY INTENDS DO SO IN FUTURE, GOP FEELS IT WOULD BE MISTAKE FOR NATO TO EMBRACE MADRID AT PRESENT. COULD ONLY SLOW DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN SPAIN ACCORDING TO MAGALHAES CRUZ.

4. DUTCH AGREED THAT IT INADVISABLE IMPLY ANY LINK BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO. IN DELEGATION TALKS, GONCALVES EXPRESSED ITS PLEASURE AT HEARING PORTUGUESE REITERATE ALLEGIANCE TO NATO. IN PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN FONMINS, VAN DERSTOEL STRESSED NECESSITY TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL, EXPRESSED GREAT PERSONAL CONCERN OVER PORTUGUESE INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS AND POINTED OUT
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CONCERN FELT IN NATO OVER COURSE OF EVENTS. FONMIN ANTUNES IMPRESSED DUTCH PARTICIPANTS IN DISCUSSIONS AS BEING CLEARLY COMMITTED TO DEMOCRACY AND OPPOSED TO ONE-PARTY DOMINATION.

5. ECONOMIC-PORTUGUESE NEED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FIELDS OF RESEARCH INTO OCEAN POLLUTION, INLAND FISHERIES, AND IN MODERNIZING AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. IN LATTER REGARD, SILVA MARQUES SAID DUTCH MIGHT HELP PORTUGUESE ESTABLISH DOMESTIC SUGAR INDUSTRY TO FREE COUNTRY FROM CURRENT

DEPENDENCE ON ITS FORMER OVERSEAS TERRITORIES. PORTUGUESE ARE EMBARKING ON HUGE HOUSING PROGRAM WHICH WILL REQUIRE 40 BILLION ESCUDOS IN 1975-76. SILVA MARQUES INDICATED PORTUGUESE WILL NEED OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE (FINANCING) OF 1.5 BILLION ESCUDOS FOR 1975 AND 1.9 BILLION IN 1976. PROJECT APPARENTLY ENVISAGES CONSTRUCTION OF 50,000 UNITS BY STATE, 20-30,000 UNITS BY PRIVATE SECTOR WITH GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND 8,000 LOW COST UNITS. DUTCH NOT SURE AT MOMENT JUST WHAT MIX IS, AND EXACTLY WHAT GOP WAS ASKING FOR.

6. SILVA MARQUES SAID GOP CONSIDERS PORTUGAL TO BE A DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND SHOULD QUALIFY FOR AID ON THAT BASIS. HE POINTED TO PORTUGUESE WITHDRAWAL FROM DAC IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSITION. PORTUGUESE SUGGESTED CREATION OF GOP-GON WORKING GROUP TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IN THAT REGARD, PORTUGUESE GAVE DUTCH PAPERS ON A HARBOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND ON ENERGY PROJECTS.

7. DUTCH STUCK TO BASIC LINE THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, THERE IS NO WAY TO PROVIDE DIRECT AID TO PORTUGAL, BUT THAT GON HAD THOUGHT USE INDIRECT ROUTE BY CHANNELING AID TO ULTRAMAR THROUGH FORMER METROPOLE. GON NOT INTERESTED IN INSTITUTIONALIZING DUTCH-PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE POSSIBILITIES BY CREATION OF WORKING GROUP. GON QUERIED PORTUGUESE ON ATTITUDES OF GOP TOWARD FOREIGN INVESTMENT. SILVA MARQUES SAID THERE NO NEED FOR CONCERN, GOP DOES NOT INTEND CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS. ALL UNCERTAINTIES WILL BE REMOVED WITHIN A MONTH WHEN NEW INVESTMENT CODE IS PUBLISHED HE SAID.

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8. IMMIGRATION-SUBJECT TOOK VERY LITTLE TIME. ARIAS MENTIONED THAT OECD WAS ABOUT TO PUBLISH A STUDY ON GUEST WORKERS AND PROBLEMS OF THEIR RETURN TO HOME COUNTRIES. GOP NOT ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT WORKERS IN EUROPE, BUT BY POSSIBILITY THAT COUNTRY MAY HAVE TO ABSORB LARGE NUMBER OF SETTLERS FROM ANGOLA. ARIAS NOTED THAT PORTUGAL WANTS TO INCREASE ITS CONTACTS WITH WORKERS ABROAD AND TO MAINTAIN CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC TIES. PORTUGAL COULD SEND TEACHERS TO HOLLAND, BUT WILL WAIT FOR OECD STUDY BEFORE MAKING DECISION.

9. AFRICA--ANTUNES WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR MOZAMBIQUE, WHERE HE SAW NO REAL PROBLEMS, BUT VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT ANGOLA. SITUATION THERE IS GRAVE. ANTUNES TOLD DUTCH HE FAVORED COLLABORATION BETWEEN MPLA AND UNITA AND BLAMED FNLA FOR RECENT TROUBLES IN LUANDA.
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